

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, this basically is a simple amendment. Somewhere, I don't have the bill in front of me, but there is an area that they appropriate \$5,000 for continuing study to convert, potentially convert Hastings, Norfolk and Lincoln Regional Centers into minimum security prisons, and I am just adding the language to that other state owned or university owned facilities that can be vacated in the near future.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion?

SENATOR PAPPAS: Maybe I'd better explain that again. It got kind of quiet in here. All this does, the bill, the way it reads now I think, it says that it appropriates \$5,000 for this continuing study on the potential conversion of Norfolk Regional Center, the Hastings Regional Center and the Lincoln Regional Center into minimum security prisons. This is a study that is going on now. This adds language to it that the committee should also look at possible state owned or university owned facilities that can be vacated in the near future.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion? Senator Warner, your light is still on. Any discussion?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I...as the amendment is worded I guess there is no problem. There is no reason not to look at other possible sites. I assume if some come along they would probably come back. We did have spelled out in the bill just the specific locations of the three regional centers because we know there are facilities, or at least structures there that are not fully utilized and may have some potential use that would be cost effective and if there are other sites that are appropriate, why, I guess I have no problem with the language as such. I'm sure that the 5,000 would not be enough if we thought that we were going to look at every square acre in the state for a site, but if there are limited sites that they should consider, I assume there is no problem with that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? If not, Senator Pappas, any closing comment?

SENATOR PAPPAS: No. I agree with Senator Warner. I don't think they are going to go out and survey every site across the